MINUTES

OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION

OF THE

Liberty Baptist Association,

HELD AT

HOLLOWAY'S MEETING-HOUSE,

DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,

August the 20th, 21st and 23rd, 1858.

HOLLOWAY'S M. H., DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.
Friday, August 20th, 1858.

The members of the Liberty Association met according to adjournment. The introductory sermon was delivered by A. WEAVER, from Matthew 21, 3: "The Lord hath need of him."

1. After a short intermission, the members met again. The Association was called to order by Elder A. Weaver, former Moderator. Religious services by Elder Wm. Turner. Letters handed in and contents noted. See last page.

2. The delegates proceeded to elect a Moderator for the present term, which resulted in the choice of br. Amos Weaver.

3. Called on Correspondents from Sister Associations to come forward and take seats with us.

On motion, invited transient ministers to take seats; br. John A Conner accepted a seat, when brn. E. L. Parker and S. S. Stone came forward from the Pedee Association, and were welcomed by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

4. On motion, a Committee of Arrangements appointed, consisting of Elder Wm. Turner, John Teague, Elder A. Kinney, Eli Coggin and A. Palmer, with the Moderator and Clerk.

5. On motion of br. Turner, the Moderator appointed br. A. Delap and J. A. Park a Committee of Finance.

6. On motion, appointed the delegates of Holloway's Church, a Committee to arrange religious services during the meeting, except Sabbath.

On motion, the Association gave away to the Bible Society, on Saturday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

On motion, the Association adjourned until Saturday 9 o'clock.—Religious services by Elder A. Kinney.

was once delivered to the saints, as we believe true Baptists have ever been. WM. TURNER, *Chairman.*

10. On motion, the memorial presented to the Association was received and ordered to be attached to the minutes, with the advice to Reed's Cross Road Church. (see I.)

11. On motion, a Committee was appointed to go on the ground, examine into the condition of the Greensborough church, and report to the next Association. The following compose said committee:—Jonathan Welch, John Teague and William Clinard.

12. On motion, ordered the Clerk to superintend the printing of the Minutes, 500 in number, and distribute them as usual.

13. *Resolved*, That this Association return their thanks to the brethren and friends for their kind liberality in supporting this meeting during its session.

14. Whereas, br. John A. Cornish having tendered his services as Colporteur for this Association on his own resources, the Association, on motion, accepted his services, and the sympathies of this body were extended to him, bidding him God speed to go and do all he can for the cause of Christ.

15. On motion, the Association adjourned to the time and place appointed. AMOS WEAVER. *Moderator.*

AZARIAH WILLIAMS, *Clerk.*

The Bible Society held a meeting on Saturday, August 21st, at 3 oclock. The Association gave away at this hour; and after a very interesting address by Elder A. Weaver on the importance of the Bible, the Society proceeded to organize, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year, to wit: Elder A Williams, President; Isaac Kinney, 1st Vice President; Isaac A. Park, 2nd Vice President; Elder Wm. Turner, 3rd Vice President; Elder Amos Weaver, Secretary and Treasurer.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Elder Azariah Williams, Isaac A Park, Alexander Delap and Catharine his wife; Isaac Kinney, Elder Benjamin Lanier, Dr. W. H. Wiseman.

ANNUAL MEMBERS by the payment of fifty cents.

Wm. Owen, Ebenezer Merrell, Elder A. Weaver, Samuel W. Lanier, Matthias Long. John A. Cornish, Elder Wm Turner E. H Davis, Jesse H. Owen and Michael Redwine.

The amount given by Life Members, or a balance, for the past year, - - - - - -	4 50
Annual Members for this year, - - - -	5 00
Treasurer reported on hand - - - -	32 05
Whole amount paid, - - - - - -	$41 55

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount received from former Treasurer, br. Avrit,	$16 10
Amount received at the last annual meeting,	15 95
	$32 05

AMOS WEAVER, *Treasurer.*

Elder A. Weaver, and Elder Wm. Turner were appointed to deliver addresses before the B. B. Society at our next annual Association, on Saturday. AZARIAH WILLIAMS, *President.*

AMOS WEAVER, *Secretary.*

A.--Report on Sabbath Schools.

Having examined the letters that were read before this body, we find nothing said concerning these important Schools, to wit the Sabbath School. And we are sorry to see so little interest taken among the Baptists of this Association in regard to Sunday Schools; and we anticipate the beauty and the good that might result in a well organized school at every church in the bounds of this Association. And the Bible says "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he becomes old he will not depart therefrom." We would ask, where is a better place to train a child than at a Sunday School, where he has the Bible to read, and can hear its truths explained when young and tender? We would pray God to give us grace and boldness sufficient to go and build up schools everywhere, believing them to be the accomplishment of much good, in the hands of God. All of which is respectfully submitted. CHAS. TEAGUE, *Chairman.*

B.--Report on Home and Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Missions submit the following report:

It is a subject in which we should take a deep interest, and to which we are in duty bound to lend a helping hand. The field is white unto the harvest At home and abroad there is much destitution, and it cannot be otherwise than the blood of our fellow-beings will be upon our skirts, if we fold our arms and make no effort to supply the destitute with the gospel of the Son of God. All of which is respectfully submitted. WM. TURNER, *Chairman.*

C--Report on Bibles, Publications and Periodicals.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Bibles, Publications and Periodicals, report that of the Bible, your committee feel that they are unable adequately to speak; it is the book of all books, and should be prized as the dearest treasure on earth. We feel also that we cannot too highly recommend the various publications put forth by our denomination, which shed light on the history, doctrines and usages of the church, the trials and triumphs of eminent saints, &c. We regard also as of great importance that Baptists should be well posted on the movements now making in the religious world, which cannot be done without due attention to our own periodicals. We should especially seek and read such papers as the Biblical Recorder, our own denominational paper, published in Raleigh, by Elder James; the Tennessee Baptist, published in Nashville, Tenn., by J. R. Graves and others, a sterling Baptist paper; the Commission, published in Richmond, Va., by the Secretaries of the Southern Boards for Home and Foreigh Missions. Respectfully submitted.

J. A. PARK, *Chairman.*

D.--Colportage.

Your Committee on Colportage beg leave to report:

We think it a means by which much good may be done. The necessity of distributing Baptist literature through our Association is evidently necessary. It then remains for us to devise the most effectual way of carrying it into effect. There have been many ways tried which have as yet failed to reach the masses of the people. We believe this to be a time when a Colporteur is needed in our midst.—Therefore we recommend this Association to select and countenance a man capable of filling the office of Colporteur. Respectfully submitted. J. A. CORNISH, *Chairman.*

E.--Report on Temperance.

When we examine the subject of Temperance and take into consideration the different branches of intemperance, we are made to wonder how it is that God's people can be so quiet on that great subject. And especially upon the intemperate use of king alcohol, when we see him making his way to and fro over our country, and leaving behind misery, degradation and death. We are taught in the Word that no drunkard shall see the kingdom of God. And the wise man, Solomon, says: It is as dangerous to use strong drink, as it would be to lie down and sleep in the midst of the sea, or to sleep on the top of a marsh.

Now, brethren, we know that either of these positions would be death. So not having time nor space to discuss the evils of intemperance, we recommend the cause to Baptists. All of which is respectfully submitted. CHAS. TEAGUE, *Chairman.*

F.-Report on Baptist State Convention of N. C.

The objects of the convention are to supply destitute places at home and in heathen lands, with the blessed Gospel of Jesus Christ.—Also to assist poor young men, who are called of God to preach the Gospel, and are recommended by their churches, in obtaining an education. The convention opens the way by which our donations can be so well applied, and accomplish much good. If 100 persons in each congregation would give ten cents apiece, each church could have one delegate in the Convention; and the sum raised, would be $140, with which much good could be done. And it would be an easy matter to treble that amount, if we had the matter at heart as we should.

Let every member of the Liberty Association not rest contented without doing something in aid of the objects of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. TURNER, *Chairman.*

G.--Report on Education.

Your Committee on Education regret very much that their present limits will not allow them the opportunity of entering fully into the merits of so important a subject as the education of the rising generation, and giving a right bias to the mind. We regret very much that christian parents, in this important matter, have manifested too much indifference to the right training of the infant mind; hence our sons and daughters, in the great anxiety to have their education, are sent to Pedo schools and frequently are placed under teachers that have no piety themselves, and it will take eternity to unfold the evils the church received from this source. And we think it is high time that the church should wake up to meet this evil. Has not many a christian heart been made to bleed from seeing their dear offspring led off in error.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend to every christian parent the proper training of the mind; we further believe that no parent, discharges his or her duty who neglects to give their children a good education as far as their means will afford; and that they should be more eager to bestow or give them a good education, than worldly goods which are often spent to no profit, and the owner left a nuisance to society. Your Committee therefore recommend the patronage of our denominational High Schools, both male and female.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

H.--Report of Committee on Church Letters, &c.

The Committee on Church Letters and the State of Religion beg leave to submit the following report:

From the statistical information sent up by the churches, there is manifestly an alarming state of things existing in our Association. Coldness seems to prevail throughout its length and breadth. There has been but little or no increase in the last Associational year.

Dear brethren, why is this the case. "God is not slack concerning His promises.' Why then should we thus mourn over our languishing Zion?—The answer is at hand:—The discharge of duty is always accompanied by Heaven's richest blessing.

And, dear brethren, when we are fully aroused to the discharge of duty, God will again visit us, and bless us as in former years. Your committee would earnestly recommend the speedy adoption of some measure by which we may be able to supply the destitute churches and other destitute portions of our Associational bounds with more preaching of the Gospel. We have the means to do much more than we are doing, if we would do what is in our power to do; if we would send our own young ministers to preach to the youths of our destitute portions, and stir up the zeal of our young men who have talents sufficient to make them useful. There would, in the opinion of your committee, in a few years, be such a change as to gladden the heart of every lover of Christ and of man's redemption.

Dear brethren, we have, year after year, written reports on the state of religion, and as often have we complained of our cold condition, and yet we are doing comparatively nothing. There must be a general waking up throughout our bounds. There must be more sacrifice made for the cause of our gracious Redeemer. There must be greater efforts put forth by the lay members of our churches. Your committee would recommend the propriety of a regular weekly prayer meeting in every church and destitute portion of our bounds, as far as possible. There is too much expected of a weak and unsupported ministry.

Dear brethren, in the opinion of your committee, when these things are properly attended to, God will bless us as He is blessing others through the wide domains of our blessed land. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. OWEN, *Chairman.*

I. *To the Ministers, Messengers and Delegates composing the Liberty Association, convened at Holloway's M. H., August,* 1858.

Dear Brethren.—We are Baptists, and we love all who love our Lord Jesus Christ; and we desire greatly the peace and harmony of the Church, and that all occasions of hardness among the brethren be taken out of the way. And whereas, Wm. H. Hamner, a former member of the church at Reed's Cross Roads, a brother that we have long known, and whom we still cannot but respect as a christian brother, has been for many years excluded from the fellowship of the Church; and whereas we learn that the difficulties between the said church and him is of such a nature, that they cannot, or have not settled them; and whereas, we know that it would give many good brethren, as well as us, your petitioners, unfeigned gratification to see this difficulty healed, and our brother, Wm. H Hamner, restored to membership among us, and all matters of grievance taken out of the way,—all of which, we believe, could be readily effected if all parties would but go into it in the spirit of Christ,

We therefore affectionately ask your body to advise the church at Reed's Cross Roads, as she is a party to this difficulty, and as such, may not be able to look at all the facts as impartially as she ought, that she submit this whole matter to a council of her brethren, and that this Association advise her to take an early opportunity to invite each church in this Association to send to her assistance on some specified day, a discreet member to be selected by their respective churches, and to commit the settlement of this whole matter into the hands of said brethren when so met; provided, however, that the representatives of not less than a majority of the churches in this Association shall be present in the council. All of which, dear brethren, is affectionately submitted.

BENJAMIN LANIER, ELI COGGIN, FREDERICK BEANBLOSOM,
E. A. DAVIS, HENRY SMITH, WM. OWEN
JAMES ADDERTON, G. F. SMITH, ABRAHAM PALMER.

A Tabular View of the Churches.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST-OFFICES	BY WHOM SUPPLIED.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptized,	Rec. by Lett.	Restored,	Dis. by Lett.	Excluded,	Deceased,	Whites,	Colored,	Total Num.	Funds.		Ch. Meet. S.
Lick Creek,	Davidson,	Jackson Hill,	Alfred Kinney,	James Carrick, Richard Bean, M. Redwine,	4			3	2	1	77	4	81	1	90	4
Jersey,	do	Cotton Grove,	Wm. Turner,	Joseph Rouch, Ebenezer Merrel, H. Smith,	11	1		4	1		99	151	250	3	00	1
Abbott's Creek,	do	Abbott's Creek,	Amos Weaver,	P.W.Raper, W. Clinard, J.Teague, C. Teague		2		3	1	2	82		82	1	45	3
Tom's Creek,	do	Healing Springs,	Benj. Lanier,	Simon Sheets, H. Newsom, Samuel W.Lanier,				2			25	4	29	1	00	3
Jamestown,	Guilford,	Jamestown,	No supply,	No delegates. Taken from minutes.							21		21			4
Liberty,	Davidson,	Fair Grove,	J. A. Cornish,	S. S. Lambeth, J. Seachrist, W. Miller,	2				2	3	42	1	43		90	1
Holloway's,	do	Silver Hill,	Alfred Kinney,	A. Palmer, F. Beanblossom, Thos. Dickens,		2		1		1	45	28	73	1	00	2
New Friendship,	Forsyth,	Waughtown,	Wm. Turner,	J. R. Nichols, J. W. Hage, A. Delap,	2	1					54		54	2	00	2
Big Creek,	Montgomery,	Wind Hill,	J. W. Littleton,	Eli Coggin, E. H. Davis,				2	1		44	3	47	1	00	4
Pine M. House,	Davidson,	Lexington,	A. Williams,	A. Williams, - - - - - - -						1	7	1	8		30	1
Reed's ⋈Roads,	do	do	Wm. Lambeth,	J. H. Owen, Jas. W. Craver, J. A. Park,			1			1	68	3	71	1	60	2
Marion,	do	do	A. Williams,	R. S. Green, - - - - - - -						1	7	3	10		25	3
Salisbury,	Rowan,	Salisbury,	Wm. Lambeth,	From minutes. - - - - - -							41	11	52			1
Greensborough,	Guilford,	Greensborough,		do do - - - - - -							19		19			
				Total,	19	6	1	15	7	10	631	209	840	14	40	

List of Ordained Preachers belonging to this Association :—Wm. N. Herrefor and Alfred Kinney, of Lick Creek; Benjamin Lanier, of Tom's Creek; Amos Weaver, of Jersey; Azariah Williams, of Reed's ⋈ Roads; Wm. Turner, of New Friendship; Wm Lambeth, of Salisbury; Orin Churchill, of Jamestown.

Licentiates.—Gersham Tussey, Aaron Yarbrough and John A. Cornish, of Reeds ⋈ Roads; Wm. R. Coggin, and John Redwine, of Lick Creek.

THE FLOWERS COLLECTION

MINUTES

OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION

OF THE

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Held at New Friendship Church,

FORSYTH COUNTY, N. C.

August 26th, 27th and 29th, 1859.

NEW FRIENDSHIP, AUGUST 26th, 1859.

The ministers and messengers composing the Liberty Association met according to adjournment. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder B. LANIER, from Matthew 16th chapter, 24th verse.

After a short intermission, the Association was called to order by Elder B Lanier, who also led in prayer. In the absence of the Clerk, br J. H. Owen was elected Clerk, *pro. tem.*

The letters from the churches were then handed in and read. Contents noted, (see last page.)

The committee appointed to visit and inquire into the condition of Greensborough church, reported that it is extinct. Report received and committee discharged. On motion it was agreed that we discontinue the name of the Greensborough church.

On motion, it was agreed that we hereafter recognize the Jamestown church, under the title of High Point.

On motion, opened a door for newly constituted churches, whereupon br. A. Jones presented a petition from Thomasville, praying admission into this body; when, on motion, it was received, the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Correspondents invited to seats with us: From the Yadkin, Elder C. W. Bessent, brn. S. O. Tatum, B. H. Eaton and R. O. Wiseman came forward and took seats.

Ministering brethren invited to seats: A. Yarbrough and J. A. Cornish accepted the invitation.

On motion, Elder Wm. Turner, brn. A. Jones and J. A. Cornish, with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements. And brn. A. R. Craven and A. Palmer, a Committee of Finance.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock. Prayer by br. J. A. Cornish.

SATURDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder E. Dodson.

On motion, the Committee of Arrangement reported. Report received and committee continued.

Invitation extended to corresponding messengers, upon which Elders Robert Goaly and L. H. Shuck appeared from the Beulah and vere received, the Moderator giving the hand of fellowship. From Sandy Creek, br. Thomas W. Matthews came forward and was cordially received.

On motion, invited visiting ministers: whereupon Elder E. Dodson Agent for Southern Board of Home and Foreign Missions took a seat.

On motion, called on correspondents to report: br. John Teague reported that he attended the Beulah, was cordially received, and had a very interesting meeting.

On motion, the brethren failing to attend, upon giving satisfactory reasons, were excused.

On motion, proceeded to appoint correspondents to sister Associations: To the Yadkin, Elder Wm. Turner, and brn. J. A. Cornish, and J. H. Owen. To the Sandy Creek, Elder Amos Weaver, and brn. A. Palmer, S. M. Dorsett and G. F. Smith. To the Pedee, brn. W. R. Coggin, Eli Davis and Wm. Hambleton. To the Beulah, Elder Wm. Turner, br. R. J. Charles and A. Jones.

Proceeded to fill the stand for Sabbath, when, on motion, it was agreed that the pastor and delegates of New Friendship Church constitute a committee to arrange preaching during the meeting.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:—On Sabbath Schools, Elders Wm. Turner, brn. H. E. Copple and John Teague. On Home and Foreign Missions, brn Wm. B. Hamner, A. Palmer and J A. Park. On Bible Publications and Periodicals, Elder E. Dodson, brn. G. F. Smith and Jonathan Welch. On Colportoge, brn. Samuel W. Lanier, J. A. Cornish and T, A. May. On Temperance, brn. J. H. Owen, Aaron Yarbrough and A. Palmer. On Baptist State Convention, brn. Joseph R. Nichols, P. W. Raper, and A. C. Jones. On Education, Elder L. H. Shuck, brn. S. O. Tatum, R. S. Green and Wm. Clinard. On Church Letters and State of Religion, brn J. A. Cornish, S. W. Lanier and T. A. May. On Southern Theological Seminary, Elders E. Dodson, Wm. Turner, and br. J. H. Owen.

On motion, it was agreed that the collection to be taken up to morrow, be sent up to the Convention.

On motion, called for the Treasurer's report: Treasurer not being present, there was no report made.

On motion, it was agreed to invite Elder E. Dodson to address the body on missions. Also to give Elder L.H.Shuck an opportunity to present the claims of the Beulah Male Institute.

Oh motion, it was agreed that all communications addressed to this body be referred to the Committee of Arrangements. On motion, the Committee of Finance reported, and were discharged.

On motion, it was agreed that the Clerk be recognized as Treasurer, during the present year.

On motion the Association agreed to give way for the Bible Society to meet at 3 o'clock.

On motion, it was agreed that the funds in the hands of the former Treasurer of the Association, be divided between the churches at High Point and Thomasville, and receipt taken from their pastor, who is in the employ of the Convention, for the same; to be represented by brn. J. A. Cornish and J. H. Owen, who on motion were appointed delegates to the Convention.

On motion, gave way for Elder L. H. Shuck to present the claims of the Beulah Male Institute. After which the following resolution, offered by S. O. Tatum, was adopted.

Resolved, That we recommend to the liberal patronage of this Association, the Beulah Male Institute, located at Madison, Rockingham County, N. C.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Elder L. H. Shuck.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Elder Wm. Turner.

Invitation to ministering brethren: Elder R. C. Bayley took a seat. Invitation for Elder E. Dodson to give an address on missions, which he did in a most eloquent and interesting speech. On motion, adjourned. Benediction by the Moderator.

SABBATH.

Prayer meeting at 9 o'clock. At 10 o'clock Elder E. Dodson preached to a large and attentive congregation from Hebrews 11th chapter and 7th verse. At 11 o'clock, the congregation were addressed by Elder L. H. Shuck, who preached the missionary sermon from James, 3rd chapter and 12th verse. After which a collection was taken up, amounting to $22 83. After an intermission of an hour, the people were addressed by Elder C. W. Bessent from the 14th chapter of Luke, 17th verse. All of which was both edifying to the saint and convincing to the sinner.

MONDAY MORNING.

Prayer by the Moderator. On motion, it was agreed to hold the next meeting of this body with the Jersey church, 8 miles South-West from Lexington, on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1860. Elder Wm. Turner to preach the introductory sermon, and J. A. Cornish, his alternate.

On motion, called on committee to report on Sabbath Schools, read and adopted. (see A.) On Home and Foreign Missions, read and adopted. (see B.) On Bible Publications and Periodicals, adopted. (see C.) On Colportage, adopted. (see D.) On Temperance, adopted. (see E.) On Baptist State Convention, adopted. (see F.) On Education, adopted. (see G.) On Church Letters and State of Religion, adopted. (See H.) On Southern Theological Seminary, adopted. (see I.) There were many very interesting remarks made by different individuals on the above subjects.

On motion, ordered that brn. J. A. Cornish and J. H. Owen, call on br. A. Williams for the funds in his hands to take up to the Convention.

On motion, appointed the following delegates to the Convention to represent the money paid to Elder E. Dodson, and public collection taken up on Sabbath. to wit: Elder Wm. Turner, brn. A. Palmer, Jas R. Nichols, S. W. Lanier and G. F. Smith.

On motion, appointed brn. A. R. Craver, J. H. Cornish and J. H. Owen, to inquire into the condition of the Salisbury church, not being represented.

On motion, it was agreed that we recommend the following form of church letters to the Association:

The Baptist church at——— to the Liberty Association for the year 18—.

Dear Brethren:—We have chosen the following brethren to represent us in the Association, to wit: ———————, whom we hope you will receive in love. The statistics of our church are as follows:

Received by Baptism,	Deceased,
Received by Letter,	White Males,
Restored,	White Females,
Dismissed by Letter,	Colored Males,
Excluded,	Colored Females,

Our Pastor is,	Our Church Meetings,
Our Post Office,	Funds,
Total in Fellowship,	

By order of the church, A—. B—, *C. C.*

On motion, it was agreed that Elder E. Dodson have permission to attach to our minutes a Catalogue of Books suitable for a minister's library.

On motion, it was agreed that we omit reading the minutes.

On motion, ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, have the usual number struck, and distribute as usual.

A motion was lost, upon a resolution, relating to a school at Thomasville.

Resolved, That this Association returns its thanks to the brethren and friends for their kind liberality in supporting this meeting during its session.

On motion, adjourned to the time and place appointed.

BENJAMIN LANIER, *Moderator.*

J. H. Owen, *Clerk, pro tem.*

Proceedings of the Bible Society.

The Bible Society met on Monday Morning, when, in the absence of the Secretary, br. J. H. Owen was requested to act in his stead. The President being also absent, the chair was filled by br. J. A. Park, 2nd Vice President. The Society was then addressed in a very able and interesting manner by Elders E. Dodson and Wm. Turner, and brn S. O. Tatum and J. A. Cornish on the great worth of the Bible and the necessity of having it distributed in every country on the face of the globe. After which the following officers were chosen: Elder A Williams, President; Isaac Kinney, 1st Vice President; Isaac A. Park, 2nd Vice President; Elder Wm. Turner 3rd Vice President; bro. J. H. Owen, Secretary and Treasurer.

LIFE MEMBERS, by the payment of $5 00.

Elder Azariah Williams, Isaac A. Park, Alexander Delap and Catharine his wife, Isaac Kinney, Elder Benjamin Lanier, and W. H. Wiseman.

ANNUAL MEMBERS by the payment of 50 cents.

Elders Wm. Turner, E. Dodson, and brn. J. H. Owen, John Teague, Ebenezer Mervel, G. F. Smith, Wm. F Stoner, J. A. Cornish, Daniel Clodfelter, C. L. Teague, R. A. Yarbrough, J. B. Miller, Samuel Yokely, A. R. Craver, J. W. Craver, S. W. Lanier, E. Rominger, Sister Rominger, R. J. Charles and L. M. Hackerday.

Amount received for annual membership, - -	$ 8 50
Public contribution. - - - - -	2 00
Amount received at former meetings of the Society, in the hands of former Secretary, taken from last years' minutes, - -	41 55
Whole amount,	$52 05

The Treasurer is requested to apply the funds as soon as possible.

ISAAC A. PARK, *President.*

J. H. Owen, *Secretary.*

A.---Report on Sabbath Schools.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report:

If we look at the youths in our midst growing up in almost total ignorance of the requirements of God, in his word, we see the necessity of well conducted Sabbath Schools where children are taught ALL the truths of God. And when we see so large a portion of the members of the church so negligent and backward in christian duty, who will not say let the next generation be thoroughly trained in the Sabbath School?

We are pained to say that there is but little being done, within our bounds by this most effecient means of doing good, both for the present and future. We recommend the Sabbath School enterprise to the churches, and also that they use Dayton's Question Book in prefereuce to the Union Question Book; also we recommend the "Children's Friend," (our Sabbath School paper,) to our brethren everywhere. May the time soon come, when the books of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Union, will be universally used, especially by our denomination.

Respectfully submitted, WM. TURNER, Chairman.

B.---Report on Home and Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Home and Foreign Missions make the following report: We have had under consideration the importance of our system of missionary enterprise. Brethren, our Home Mission is an enterprize which should engage the earnest attention of every Baptist. Here at home, in our midst, is a wide field which should be supplied with the preached gospel.

Every year there are pouring into our country emigrants from foreign lands, and these must be supplied with the word of life. While we feel that it is our indispensible duty to aid our brethren in sending the gospel to the heathen, we must not neglect our own. And by our undivided efforts give the first thought to the destitute portion of our own country.

Respectfully submitted, W. B. HAMNER, Chairman.

C.---Bible Publications and Periodicals.

The Bible is the book written by God himself It teaches man how to live how to die and how to live forever It is now translated into 150 dialects.—Through these we have it in our power to send it to 900,000 000 of Adam's race. Nearly 100,000,000 read it, 208,000,000 of the Catholic and Greek church, and 110,000,000 Mahomedans read it not so much. As many as 589,000,000 do not read it atall Our Colporteurs should honor God by carrying His book among other books All the societies in the world have only sent out 54 000 000 of Bibles and Testaments, since 1804.

PUBLICATIONS.—We are one hundred years behind hand. Our Publication Society did not begin till 1835; but we must now do the more. We must have libraries for our *Ministers, Churches, Families, and Sabbath Schools.* We should scatter over the country like leaves of the forest, tracts against *Drunkenness, Gambling. Lying, Swearing and Sabbath Breaking.* and other sins.—We should also circulate *denominational tracts and denominational books.*

PERIODICALS.—This is a reading age. If we respect ourselves, other people will respect us, and if we respect the age, the age will respect us.

Reviews.—There are two Baptist Quarterly Reviews in America. One is published at Nashville, Tennessee, by Graves, Pendleton & Dayton at $2 00 per annum, in advance; the postage of which is 14 cents per year in advance. The other is the Christian Review, published by Sheldon & Co., 115 Nassau Street, New York, at $3 00 per annum and the postage for the year in advance is 14 cents. In these we began too late. The Christian Review began in 1835, and the Nashville Review in 1855. Too few of our ministers can take them now. I don't suppose there is a Presbyterian minister in America that does not take the Review of his Society. A lawyer or a doctor thinks he does nothing unless he reads 10,000 pages a year. Our ministers should lay out more money every year on letters, read more and their churches should support them.

BIBLICAL RECORDER.—I understand the Presbyterian paper in North Carolina has 3000 subscribers with a membership of perhaps not more than 15,000. With our membership of 60,000, we ought to have 12 000 for the Recorder. Till we become a reading people, we never shall become a working people. All ourministers at our Saturday meetings should fill up their numbers and

friends to take the Recorder. No paper can supply the use of a home paper. It is published at Raleigh N. C., by J J. James. Terms, $2 00 in advance.

HOME AND FOREIGN JOURNAL. Is published monthly in Richmond, Virginia, at 25 cents a year, The postage, if prepaid, is very little. It represents our Bible Board, our Home Board and our Foreign Board. Address Home and Foreign Journal, Richmond, Va. The "Commission" is published monthly at the same place. Terms $1 00 a year.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND is a Sunday School paper published monthly at Nashville Tenn., by Elder A. C. Dayton, author of "Theodosia Earnest," at 25 cents per annum. It began in June, 1859. Every Baptist family should take it. The first number is worth the money.

E. DODSON.

D.---Report on Colportage.

We, the committee, beg leave to report :—We very much regret that we have not ample opportunity to enter a full discussion, or by any means do justice relative to this important point. We anticipate that this body is not ignorant of the good which might be effected through the instrumentality of an agent or colporteur, recognized to make a distribution of Baptist literature, It is evident, that if we ever become an enlightened people, we must first become a reading people. If we become a reading people, then it follows that we are a working people; and if a working people, we are destined to advance in whatever good cause we appreciate. We would have it known, that our books are more needful than that which is already written, excepting the Bible. But we do believe that children and even parents, may be influenced by an application to the simple reasoning of our teaching and the forcible arguments we endeavor to produce as bible truths; and thereby made desirous to ponder the scriptures in search of the available truths evinced therein. Moreover it is highly recommended that we, as Baptists, should know precisely on what ground we stand. the faith which we practice, and especially our primitive relation, that we may withstand the invoking darts which may be hurled by the enemy, for we desire that the truth and the truth alone prevail; nor are any of our principles enveloped in secret, but we would have the world know our faith: we would not that it we are a light at all, be set under a hill, or obstructed by any covering,but on the highest pinacle that the world may read. Then if influenced to advocate our principles, they may know on what basis we stand, that the honor be given to God and not to man. We hope that this body will not fail to enforce the earnest request of their committee.

S. W. LANIER.

E.---Temperance.

Your Committee on Temperance, have had the subject under consideration, and regret that there is comparatively nothing done by us as a denomination on a subject that so vitally concerns both our temporal and eternal welfare.—a subject upon which the good of both our country and our holy religion greatly depends.—A subject that is so intimately connected with the christian religion, that, in our opinion, combined powers cannot separate it. We are forbidden even so much as to look upon the wine when it is red, &c. This seems to be because it then possesses intoxicating qualities, thereby showing that we are not at liberty to meddle with or drink any beverage that will so completely de ange and dethrone reason.

And, dear brethren, how it is that a christian in the gaze of a wicked world, can put the bottle to his neighbor's mouth to make him drunk. is a problem too mysterious for us to solve But, dear brethren, while we deplore the condition of our churches generally on this all important subject, we have great reason to rejoice and hope that a better day is just ahead. There are, we humbly trust, a few advocates of temperance in every neighborhood who will in course of time, be the means of effecting a great reformation. And we hail the happy day when at least every lover of Christ and the redemption of man, will be a bold and uncompromising advocate of these principles which alone save the youths of our happy land from the great vortex of intemperance.—And when every family will be a lovely temperance band, and every member thereof raised in arms of rebellion against their fell destroyer, intemperance. And may the day soon come when that most dangerous habit of moderate and social dram-drinking will be held up in its proper light, and condemned by every child of the Most High. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. OWEN, Chairman.

F.---Report on Baptist State Convention.

Your committee on the Baptist State Convention has had the subject under consideration, and they believe it has been the means of doing much good in the cause of Christ. It should therefore have the prayers, the contributions and cooperations of the Baptists in the State. Respectfully submitted,

JAS. R. NICHOLS, Chairman.

G.---Report on Education.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of education, would report that it is of incalculable moment that education keeps pace with the other great interests of this rapid age. The necessity of this may be shown from various considerations. Self protection, position in society, usefulness, influence, to say nothing of the intrinsic charms and pleasures imparted to her true votaries, each and all demand it. It is a wise policy to have a competent number of good schools both male and female, that they be occupied by educators of the very first order. As a denomination let us maintain a noble independence in this matter, wisely and judiciously expend both labor and means—Think much, speak frequently of the high schools in the State. Among the preparatory Schools now in successful operation, we would mention the Beulah Male Institute, as worthy of liberal patronage. Wake Forest is the only College in the State which has denominational claims upon us Let us be jealous of its interest, laborious for its success, prayerful for its influence, constantly bearing in mind that all the support given to other colleges, tends to its impoverishment, lessens its influence, weakens its power, and swells the stream of suicidal policy heretofore practiced by too many of us to our detriment as a denomination.

Respectfully submitted, S. O. TATUM, Chairman

H.---Report on Church Letters.

Your committee on Church Letters and State of Religion, submit the following report:

Dear Brethren:—From the letters sent up to this Association, it appears that God revived his work of grace in our midst, in which some of our churches have had considerable increase, evincing to us that they have been laboring for God, who said "Your labor shall not be in vain in the Lord" Notwithstanding God has been blessing his churches, who of us feel that there is enough practical Godliness manifest in our lives, our walk, and in all our doings for the Lord? We think these things should renew our energies, humble our hearts and make us go on battling for our master's cause, not being satisfied with any present progression in divine life, but laboring to see our heavenly Father's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Brethren, it appears that the ministry is weak; therefore pray to the Lord of the harvest for more laborers, to be sent forth to labor in his vineyard, seeing to it that their hands are held up that they may have success.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A CORNISH, Chairman.

I.---Southern Theological Seminary.

Our young ministers must either go North or to Pedo Baptist Seminaries in the South for instruction. Ought they to do either? NEVER We have in the Seminary at Greenville, South Carolina, a school for all the ministers in the South. Let us endow it as soon as possible. The share of North Carolina is $15,000. Let us raise it as soon as possible. E. DODSON.

Good Books for Ministers.

To be had from Merchants going North.

American Encyclopedia,	$20 00	English Missions by Cox,	00 62
American Almanac, '59 or '60.	$1 00	Amer'n Missions, Gammel,	1 00
Encyclo. of Relig. Knowledge,	5 00	Benedict's Baptist History,	3 50
Andrew Fuller's Works 3 vol.	5 00	Taylor's Va. Baptist Min.	2 50
Bedeaver's connexion of Sacred and Profane History, 2 vols.	3 00	Mrs. Conant's Bible History,	1 25
		Curtis on Bapt st Principles,	1 25
Sherwood's Commentary New, Testament, perhaps,	2 00	Wayland do do	1 25
		Nevin's Biblical Antiquities	75
Comprehensive Commentary Baptist Edition,	10 or 12 00	Abercrombie's Mental Philos.	75
		Horner's Introduction to the Bible, 4 volumes,	8 00
Worcester's Gener'l. History, latest edition,	1 00	Scenes in China, Mrs. Shuck	50
Webster's Dictionary.	6 00	E. DODSON.	

A TABULAR VIEW OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST-OFFICES.	BY WHOM SUPPLIED.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptized.	Rec. by Lett.	Restored.	Dis. by Lett.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White.	Colored.	Total.	Funds.	Chur'h Meet
Lick Creek,	Davidson,	Jackson Hill,	A. Kinney,	J. Adderton,* P. W. Redwine, W. R. Coggin,*	2						77	3	80	2 00	4
Jersey,	do	Cotton Grove,	Wm. Turner,	Chas. Yarbrough, G. F. Smith Wm. B. Hamner,	50	2	3	3	1	4	123	170	293	4 05	1
Abbott's Creek,	do	Abbott's Creek,	B. Lanier,	P. W. Raper, William Clinard, J. Teague,	2			12		2	70		70	2 10	3
Tom's Creek,	do	Healing Springs,	do	S. Newsom,* S. W Lanier, John Skeen,*					2		27		27	75	3
High Point,	Guilford,	High Point,	J. Mitchell,	A. C. Jones, Jonathan Welch, J. T. Elliot*		5		1	3	1	21		21	1 50	4
Liberty,	Davidson,	Fair Grove,	J. A. Cornish	H. E. Copple, T. A. May, Wagoner Miller,*	8						50	1	51	75	1
Holloway's	do	Silver Hill,	A. Kinney,	A. Palmer, Chas. Smith, W. F. Stoner,	17		1	2		3	50	36	86	1 00	2
New Friendship,	Forsyth,	Waughtown,	Wm. Turner,	J. R. Nichols, D. Clodfelter, R. J. Charles,	23				1	1	75		75	2 21	2
Big Creek,	Montgomery,	Wind Hill,	A. Kinney,	E. H. Davis, William Hambleton,							44	3	47	1 00	4
Pine M. House,	Davidson,	Lexington,	No supply,	Not represented. From minutes,									8		
Reed's X Roads,	do	do	Wm. Turner,	A. R. Craver, J. A. Park, J. H. Owen,	4	2	1			1	65	3	68	2 50	3
Marion,	do	do	A. Williams,	R. S. Green,			2				8	3	11	75	3
Salisbury,	Rowan,	Salisbury,		Not represented.							41	11	52		
Thomasville,	Davidson,	Thomasville,	J. Mitchell,	A. Jones, John Hudson, S. M. Dossett,		9					9		9	1 50	4
				* Absent. Total,	106	18	7	18	7	12	651	250	898	20 11	

A List of Ordained Preachers in this Association.—A. Kinney and W. N. Hereford, of Lick Creek; Benjamin Lanier, of Tom's Creek Amos Weaver of Jersey; Azariah Williams Reeds' Cross Roads; Wm. Turner of New Friendship; Wm. Lambeth of Salisbury.

Licentiates.—G. Tussey, A. Yarbrough, and J. A. Cornish of Reed's Cross Roads; Wm. Coggin of Lick Creek

THE FLOWERS COLLECTION

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION

OF THE

Liberty Baptist Association,

HELD AT

JERSEY MEETING HOUSE,

DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,

AUGUST 24TH, 25TH AND 27TH, 1860.

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JERSEY MEETING HOUSE, DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C., }
Friday, August 24th, 1860. }

The members of the Liberty Association, met according to adjournment. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Wm. Turner, from Acts 6 chapter, 7 verse.

1. After a short intermission, the members met again. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Religious service by Elder B. Lanier. Letters handed in; contents noted. (See last page.)

2. The Delegates proceeded to elect a Moderator for the present term, which resulted in the choice of Elder B. Lanier.

3. Invited Ministering brethren to seats: Elder R. C. Bailey and A. Yarbrough came forward and the hand of fellowship was extended to them by the Moderator.

4. On motion, appointed Elder J. B. Jackson, Wm. Turner, brother Isaac Kinney, with Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements, and brothers E. H. Davis and A. Palmer a Committee of Finance.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. B. Jackson.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 25TH.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Wm. Turner.

On motion, the Report of the Committee of Arrangements read; Report received and committee continued.

2. On motion, invitation to corresponding brethren from sister Associations extended.

3. On motion, appointed the following committees:

On Sabbath Schools.—J. H. Owen, Wm. Clinard and P. Riley.

On Baptist State Convention.—J. B. Jackson, A. Palmer and E. H. Davis.

On Bible Publications and Periodicals.—Elder Wm. Turner, S. Newsom and John Teague.

On Colportage.—Elder R. C. Bailey, Jas. Nichols and J. Seachrist.

On Temperance.—Jas. R. Nichols, A. Jones and Jonathan Welsh.

On Church Letters.—Brothers Isaac Kinney, H. Copple and Simeon Sheets.

On Southern Theological Seminary.—Elders J. B. Jackson, Wm. Turner and Jas. Feezer.

On Ministerial Support.—Brothers J. H. Owen, J. Wiseman and Wm. Owen.

4. On motion, appointed J. Kinney, John Wilson, J. Feezer, Wm. Owen and Henry Smith, a committee to arrange preaching during the meeting, excepting Sabbath.

On motion, to recommend suitable books for young Ministers, Wm. Lambeth, Wm. Turner and A. Williams.

On Resolutions.—Isaac Kinney, A. Palmer and A. Delap.

5. On motion, called on Correspondents to sister Associations to report; Elder Wm. Turner reported, he attended the Yadkin Association and was kindly received, and had an interesting meeting, taking all the circumstances into consideration. The other brethren appointed, failed to attend and were excused, after giving satisfactory reasons. And the brethren appointed to different Associations, gave satisfaction and were excused.

6. On motion, proceeded to appoint correspondents to sister Associations: To Yadkin, to be held at Eaton's Meeting House, in Davie county, on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in October, brothers Wm. Turner, J. R. Nichols and John Teague. Sandy Creek, Elder Wm. H. Hamner, John Hutson, and S. M. Dosset, to commence on Tuesday before the first Sabbath in October. To the Pedee, E. H. Davis, W. R. Coggin and Elder A. Kinney. To the Beulah, Elders A. Williams, Wm. Turner and brothers John Teague and Wm. Clinard, to commence on Friday before the second Sabbath in August, 1861.

7. On motion, called on Committee of Finance to report; committee reported they had received from the Churches $25.95, and found remaining in the hands of the two Treasurers, one for 1858, the other for 1859—$6,11, making $32,06; overplush 65 cents; report received and committee discharged.

8. On motion, gave place to the Bible Society to meet at 1 o'clock P. M.

On motion, called on the committee appointed to visit the Salisbury Church to report: the committee reported that they visited the church and the church gave the reason that they had no church meeting, and it was not out of any disrespect to the Association. Report received and committee discharged.

On motion, adjourned until after meeting of the Bible Society. Religious services by Elder Wm. Lambeth.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed business again; religious service by Elder R. C. Bailey. On motion, proceeded to elect Ministers to occupy the stand on Sabbath, which resulted in the choice of Elders J. B. Jackson, Wm. Turner, R. C. Bailey. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning 9½ o'clock. Benediction by Elder Wm. Turner.

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SABBATH.

The Ministers appointed to occupy the stand, after prayer, met at 10 o'clock. Elder R. C. Bailey preached from Revelations, 2d. chapter 4th verse. At 11 o'clock the congregation was addressed by Elder Wm. Turner, who preached the Missionary Sermon, from Luke the 19th chapter, 13th verse; after which a public collection was taken up, amounting to $41,08. After an intermission of ½ an hour, the people were addressed by Elder J. B Jackson, from Isaiah 63d chapter 1st verse. All of which was interesting and edifying. The audience was large and well behaved so much so that they deserve praise.

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MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 27TH, 1860.

The Association met according to adjournment, after religious service by the Moderator, and prayer by J. H. Owen. The Association proceeded to business in the following manner, viz:

1. On motion, the delegates appointed to attend the Convention, report-

ed most favorably. After several interesting speeches, by Elder Wm. Lambeth, Wm. Turner and R. C. Bailey,

2. On motion, proceeded to appoint Elder Wm. Turner, brothers Aq. Jones, Wm. Lambeth and R. C. Bailey, delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

3. On motion, the Association agreed to hold the next annual meeting of this body with the Lick Creek Church, 16 miles south east from Lexington, to commence on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in August, 1861.

4. On motion, appointed Elder Wm. Lambeth to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder R. C. Bailey his alternate.

5. On motion, called on the various committees to report.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported; report adopted with slight amendments and committee discharged. (See A.)

Invitation still extended to correspondents from sister Associations, when J. Green, B. Merrell and E. Frost, came forward from the Yadkin Association and were cordially received by the Moderator, giving them the hand of fellowship.

On motion, granted certain brethren time to report.

On motion of brother J. Kinney, the committee on several things, were given time to report, and appointed brothers A. Wood, John Willson and J. A. Parks, with the Clerk, a committee to examine those reports, and adopt or reject them.

On motion, the Committee on Colporterage reported, and after some interesting remarks, the report adopted and committee discharged. (See B.)

On motion, the Committee on Church Letters reported, and after remarks, the report was adopted and committee discharged. (See C.) This is also left to committee to have time, and presented with the rest of the reports to go before examining committee.

On motion, indulged the Committee on Resolutions with adding brother Aquilla Jones.

On motion, appointed the Clerk to superintend printing the Minutes, (500,) and distribute as usual.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Association return their thanks to the brethren and friends, for their kind liberality in supporting this meeting during its session.

On motion, appointed brother John Hutson to write a circular letter, to be attached to our Minutes.

On motion, this Association adjourn until the time appointed.

BENJAMIN LANIER, Moderator.

Azariah Williams, Clerk.

Note.—Delayed four weeks waiting for reports to be sent in, and all not come to hand yet.

Paid over the public collection to Elder Wm. Turner, one of the delegates to the Convention, amounting to $41,08.

A. Williams, Treasurer.

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SABBATH SCHOOLS.—A.

Dear Brethen: Your Committee on Sabbath Schools, regret that it appears from the information that we have, that very little attention is being paid to the organization and perpetuation of Sabbath schools in our midst. That such is the case we very seriously regret. And would that some means could be devised, that would be effective in producing a change. The importance of Sabbath schools is now every where admitted, but still, through neglect, our youths are permitted to grow up without their benefits, engaging in any thing that is immoral and irreligious in its nature and tendency. Ignorant of the requirements of the word of God, they disregard the will of their parents and the teaching of the holy Scriptures.

The word of Him who never errs, makes it the duty of parents to train up the child as he should go, giving the assurance that he will never depart from it.

We, therefore, commend this subject to the prayerful consideration of every truly faithful friend of the up-rising generation, believing that they can, in no other way, do more good, than in training the young. To speak in terms of too much respect of a subject of such vast importance, we possess not the ability. That impressions are made in the Sabbath school, that may not be elsewhere, is, we trust, not denied. Christ says, if you love me, keep my commandments, and, what is more clearly taught than keeping holy the Sabbath? and in what way can it be done more successfully, than in attending the sanctuary to give religious instruction to children? Impressions made at a properly conducted nursery of piety, such as the Sabbath school should be, will remain for eternity, to tell the good effect thereof.

Dear Brethren—By the neglect of your duty, in this respect, you loose much enjoyment yourselves, and do great injustice to them who expect you to lead them right.

Attending Sabbath school should be regarded a precious privilege, and not as a sacrifice of enjoyment; for God requires nothing of his people but that which should be their delight. God's love for his subjects forever excludes the idea of his requiring anything of them that is not for their good. This is evidenced by the fact, that those who fully discharge their duty, die more tranquil, and have a greater number of friends to mourn their loss. It is in the Sabbath school that its pupils learn to bend the knee, raise the heart, and revere the name of Him to whom reverence is due.

We, therefore, recommend this Association to request Pastors of the churches, to persevere in the organization and perpetuation of Sabbath schools, in person.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. OWEN, Chairman.

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REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.—B.

Dear Brethren: In view of the rapid spread of error among the people, by the circulation of anti-christian books, under the garb of Protestantism, your committee on colportage, would report and recommend, that the Association employ every means in its power, for the distribution of a pure religious literature.

1st. By purchasing books, for circulation, of the South Western Publishing House, or of some other publishing house, issuing nothing but Baptist publications.

2d. We suggest that this Association request Pastors, and other Ministers, to aid in the distribution of suitable periodicals and books, among their people. Your committee recommend this plan of disseminating religious literature, because it can be more properly attended to by those who have the care of churches, and those Ministers who travel, and consequently have a better opportunity to visit the masses of the people.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. BAILEY, Chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Dear Brethren: Your committee on ministerial support, regret very much to say, that the subject has by no means had the attention its importance demands.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel," is a plain command of high Heaven. But since all cannot preach, it is their duty to support those who can, thereby doing their part in the great work of man's redemption. If we expect our Pastors to feed us with spiritual food, we must sustain them while they feed us.

In proportion as we relieve them from the care and anxiety of secular labor, may we expect to be benefitted by their preaching. Nothing is perhaps more absurd, than to expect our ministers, who labor hard all the week, to have a good discourse prepared for Sabbath. But many are trying both to preach and labor to support and educate their children, and while their time and talents are thus divided, we may look for nothing either interesting or instructive.

As well might we expect to take the world in one hand and religion in the other, as to have an efficient ministry, which is compelled to spend a large portion of time amidst the cares and perplexities of secular life, increased by the neglect of those whose duty it is to give support. That we are too careless in regard to our duty, no one will attempt to deny. Year after year, have we been blessed with abundant crops, but what poor returns of gratitude are we making to the Lord for his goodness! A pious Jew could give one-tenth of all he possessed, and is the gospel dispensation of less importance than that of the law! And does our love for Christ, do less to prompt us to discharge our duty, than the Jewish law did to induce Jewish obedience?

It is truly strange, that we are doing so little, with the plea that we are not able, while we are spending twice as much yearly, and that too, in a way that reflects no credit on us as christians, as it would take to support our Pastor. How often have we seen whole families making their way to the circus! spending one, two or three dollars to encourage wickedness? But as soon as they are called on to give something to support the gospel, they complain of poverty. The truth is, our hearts are often more fixed on pleasure and vanity, than on the promulgatian of the gospel. While this is the case, we need not expect the cause of Christ to prosper, because

we, by our actions, nullify all we say. However, before leaving this subject, we must not fail to mention those who are heaping up riches at the expense of everything that renders them a blessing. This class is in a more alarming condition than those first mentioned, they do nothing for religion, perfect drones everywhere else but in their own hive. They seem to forget how transitory and unsatisfactory are riches; how liable to be taken away; and how, through pride, they obstruct the gospel; often causing them not only to forget, deny and forsake God, but to rebel against Him and reject Christ. The goods of this world are blessings, it is true, when properly applied; but we are called on to give for various objects. In order to keep pace with the age, our young ministers must be educated. It is vain, in the extreme, to expect a minister to be instructive to those who are, perhaps, better informed than himself. We should not regard the claims of the Lord as burthensome, but esteem it a rich privilege to return to the Lord a part of what he has blessed us with. A truly devout christian is ever, not only willing, but anxious to give some expression of his love for Christ; he therefore, gives often to the support of the gospel, thanking God that he can be made instrumental in doing some good to others.

Dear brethren—In the future, let us be more careful in regard to the discharge of our duty, in this respect. When we take into consideration that the Lord has need of us all, we should pray the Lord to give us a disposition to do our duty, whatever it may be. Much depends on what we do.

This is an age in which every thing that pertains to this life is moving on, but it is truly alarming, to see how little practical piety there is in the world. The devil is a formidable adversary; unbelief is in our midst, and in order to be able to preach with success, at this age of the world, a minister must be prepared; but how can he, if we give him not the means necessary thereunto. In addition to other means, he needs our prayers and protection; but to the contrary, we often engage in wounding his feelings, destroying his influence and causing him to go with his head hung down as the rush. If this state of things continues, soon we must be without preachers to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Our older ministers, according to the course of nature, cannot remain long with us. And if young ones should rise up, under such circumstances, they will go where they can be educated and sustained. They will be unwilling to go forth on their own resources, or to stifle the purest emotions of the human heart, by ceasing to preach. But even if they could be kept here unsustained, they would be of but little use. The ministerial office is one of too

much importance to have only a part of the time; it must have it all if we expect to be profited. We have so much neglected our ministers, that they, some of them, are becoming almost strangers. Instead of seeing them often, and having our hearts warmed under their preaching, we scarcely ever see or hear anything of them, or know what they are doing. Our young ministers, too, have not had the encouragement that they should have had; they preach but little at home, and if any person should ask us anything in regard to their success, we would have to confess with confusion, that we knew but little of them. Brethren, these things should not be so; it is not only our privilege, but our duty, to hear them often, and then we will know how to act towards them. Let us properly attend to these things, or hush our murmurings at the cold condition of the churches. Let us do our duty, and others will do likewise, and religion will again, as it were, put on her silver slippers; ministers will preach with new zeal, feeling that they have their treasure in the hands of the people, to be drawn as needed.

Let us untie the hands of our ministers, and see if they will not give themselves up wholly to the work; if, then, they will not, they will have no claims on us for support, and we will only look elsewhere, to see who will be willing to leave all secular affairs and point sinners to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world.

We all may do something; he that cannot do much should do what he can; a want of energy has done more harm than anything else.

Let every one exert his influence in behalf of ministerial support, and God will bless them in so doing.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. OWEN, Chairman.

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

The committee on church letters, ask leave to report, that from all that your committee can learn, from the reading of the letters from the different churches, we have only to regret that our increase is not so great as we could wish, but yet it is sufficient to show that we are on the increase; and that our cause is gaining strength; and that we trust in God that we still will continue to strengthen, not having descended from the mother of Harlots, nor one of her off-shoots. And taking the Bible for our guide in all matters of faith and practice; and thus strictly adhering to the Apos-

tolic creed, as laid down in the New Testament, by the grace of God we expect to persevere and prosper.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC KINNEY, Chairman.

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REPORT ON BIBLES, PUBLICATIONS AND PERIODICALS.

Your committee report, in view of the prevalence of error, it is evident that the God of the Bible is not reverenced and obeyed as he should be. It is of the first importance, that we read and study the Bible; that we may know what God requires of us; that we may be Bible christians. The word saith, that he "became the author of eternal salvation, to every one that *obey him.*"

We, too, must remember, that the Bible is not yet in every family; let us be dilligent then, in supplying the destitute with the Word of life, through our Bible Society.

PUBLICATIONS.

The Apostle says: "We are labourers together with God," 1. Cor. 3–9. A very extensive field for usefulness, here opens before the laity. In aiding in the circulation of religious literature, we are preaching the gospel very effectively. A good religious book preaches when, and often where, the minister cannot. Your committee recommend the books published and sold by the South Western Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn., for they contain Bible truth, plainly laid down, and therefore will be the instrument of effecting good, wherever circulated and read.

PERIODICALS.

We cannot do well without religious newspapers, to bear to our firesides the religious intelligence from abroad. Through it we may gain much information upon the teachings of the Bible; and also hold converse with our brethren far away, and know much of the condition of our beloved Zion.

Your committee earnestly recommend the Biblical Recorder; it is the paper we want, and should be in every family. The Tennessee Baptist, too, comes weekly, clearing away the mist and clouds of error, so that we

may know what it *is* to "obey God," which is our duty, rather than man. Take the Recorder first, and then if you can, take the Tennessee Baptist.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. TURNER, Chairman.

YOUNG MINISTER'S LIBRARY.

Your committee find the following in the Tennessee Baptist, which they present,

First, and with all, the Bible, Commentaries and Exegetical. Olshawsen's Commentary, 6 vol. $12. Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge, $5. Scripture Text book and Treasury, 80 cents. Extent of the Atonement, $1. Dagg's Manual of Theology, $1,25. Our Lord's Great Prophecy, $1,50.

HISTORICAL WORKS.

History of Foreign Baptists, Orchard, $1. History of English Baptists, $1. Bachus' History of England, 80 cents. Hinton's History of Baptism, 80 cents. Footsteps of our Forefathers, $1. History of open Communion, 10 cents. Struggles and Triumphs of Religious Liberty, 70 cents. Mosheim's Church History, $5.

CONTROVERSIAL WORKS.

Carson on Baptism, $1,50. Stuart on Baptism, 75 cents. Theodosia Ernest, 1st and 2nd. vol., $1. Great Iron Wheel, $1. Pedobaptist and Campbellite Immersions, 40 cents. Baptism for Remission of sins, 10 cents. Concessions of Pedobaptists, 10 cents. Grace Truman, $1. Infidel's confession, $1.

GENERAL BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

Webster's Dictionary, (University,) $2. Cruden's Concordance, $1,50. Wayland's Mental Philosophy, $1,50. Baptists not Protestants, 10 cents. Methodist Discipline, 25 cents. Breaker on Communion, 10 cents. State of the Impenitent Dead, 50 cents. The True Mission of Baptists, 10 cents. Question of the Age, 10 cents.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. TURNER, Chairman.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

SATURDAY, 2 o'clock, p. m.

The Bible Society met according to adjournment. After prayer, and an interesting address by Elder J. B. Jackson, the President announced the society ready for business.

On motion, the Treasurer made the following report:

Funds on hand, amounts to		$53,55
Sent as a donation to Bible Board at Nashville, Tenn.,	$25,00	
For Bibles ordered from depository agents of said Board,	25,00	
Per cent. on check,	50	
Freight on box of Bibles,	3,03	
All paid out, amounting to		53,53
Balance in hand,		02

On motion, report received and the course of the Secretary and Treasurer approved, in ordering Bibles. After which the following officers were chosen, to wit:

Elder Azariah Williams, President.
Bro. Isaac Kinney, 1st Vice President.
" Isaac A. Park, 2d " "
Elder Wm. Turner, 3d " "
Bro. J. H. Owen, Secretary and Treasurer.

Life Members by the payment of $5,00 *each.*

Elders Azariah Williams, Elders Benjamin Lanier,
Wm. Turner, Bro'rs. Isaac A. Park,
Isaac Kinney, Wm. H. Wiseman,
Alexander Delap, and Catharine, his wife.

Annual Members by the payment of 50 *cents.*

Brother James Wiseman, Brother A. R. Craver,
" Ebenezer Merrel, " Mathias Long,
" Geo. F. Smith, " Henry Smith,
" W. F. Stoner, " J. W. Craver,
" David Smith, " S. H. Laugamur,
" Joseph Carrick, " Daniel Clodfelter,

Elder J. B. Jackson,
Brother J. R. Nichols and wife,
" John Wilson,
" Abram Palmer,
" Daniel Huff,
" D. H. Myers,
" C. A. Owen,
Elder Wm. Lambeth and wife,
Mary Roach,
Brother W. R. Coggin,
" Jacob Miller,
" J. H. Owen,
" Jonathan Welch,
" A. C. Jones.

Amount received at this meeting, for life membership,..... $ 5,00
For Annual membership,..... 14,00

Total amount,..... $19,00

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Liberty Association, on Saturday of its next session.

AZARIAH WILLIAMS, President.

J. H. Owen, Secretary.

Tabular View of the Churches.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	BY WHOM SUPPLIED.	DELEGATES NAMES.	Baptized,	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored,	Dis'd by Letter,	Excluded,	Deceased,	White Males,	White Females,	Colored Males,	Colored Females,	Total Number,	Funds,	Church Meetings
Lick Creek,	Davidson,	Jackson Hill,	A. Kinney,	J. Carrick, W. P. Redwine, Casper A. Owen,	00	00	00	00	00	00	25	51	2	1	80	2.50	4
Jersey,	do	Cotton Grove,	William Turner,	Isaac Kinney, James Feezer, John Wilson,	29	1	00	9	1	4	40	80	77	115	312	3.70	1
Abbott's Creek,	do	Abbott's Creek,	B. Lanier,	Wm. Clinard, Philip W Raper, Jno. Teague,	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	*68	2	70	1.55	3
Tom's Creek,	do	Healing Springs,	do	P. Riley, Simeon Sheets, S. Newson,	00	00	00	00	00	00	7	17	1	2	27	1.30	2
High Point,	Guilford,	High Point,	J. B. Jackson,	Jonathan Welch, A. C. Jones, J. T. Elliott,	1	00	00	00	00	1	4	19	00	00	23	1.50	4
Liberty,	Davidson,	Fair Grove,	No reg'r supply.	H Copple, S. S, Lambeth, Thomas A. May,	00	00	00	3	1	00	13	33	00	1	47	2.00	1st
Holloway's,	do	Silver Hill,	A. Kinney,	W. F. Stoner, T. Beanbossom, A. Palmer,	00	00	00	3	1	3	00	00	*45	35	80	2.00	2d
New Friendship,	Forsythe,	Waugh Town,	William Turner,	A. Delap, Jas. R. Nichols, S. H, Laugamur,	4	1	00	00	5	00	24	51	00	1	76	2.80	2
Big Creek,	Montgomery,	Wind Hill,	A. Kinney,	Eli Davis, E. H. Davis, William Hamilton,	00	00	00	00	00	1	44	00	00	*3	47	1.10	0
Pine M. House,	Davidson,	Lexington,	No supply,	A. Williams,	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	5	00	00	5	60	4
Reed's ⋈ Roads,	do	do	William Turner,	Alfred Wood, J. H Owen, D. H. Myers,	00	00	00	00	1	00	27	38	1	2	68	3.15	3
Marion,	do	do	A. Williams,	R. S. Green, Jacob Seachrist,	00	00	00	00	00	00	2	5	2	1	10	70	2
Salisbury,	Rowan,	Salisbury,	No supply,	Wm. Lambeth, A. J. Ruth, J A. Weirman,	6	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	41	00	58	1.75	4
Thomasville,	Davidson,	Thomasville,	J. B. Jackson,	A. Jones, John Hutson, S. M. Dosset,	00	7	00	00	00	00	7	8	00	1	16	1.30	2
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*The whole number of males ond Females not separated.

A LIST OF ORDAINED PREACHERS IN THIS ASSOCIATION.

A. Kinney and Wm. N. Hereford, of Lick Creek; Benjamin Lanier, Tom's Creek; Azariah Williams and Wm. H. Hamner, of Reed's Cross Roads; Wm. Turner, of New Friendship; Wm. Lambeth, of Salisbury; J. B. Jackson, of Thomasville.

LICENTIATES.—G. M. Tussey, Aaron Yarbrough; John A. Cornish, of Reed's Cross Roads; Wm. R. Coggin, of Lick Creek.